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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS ON OECD AIRCRAFT STANDSTILL

REF: RYSS/MCDOWELL TELCON, MAY 2, 1978
EXIM CABLES DATED APRIL 4, 1978

1. PETER GEHRING OF THE FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY PHONED
TODAY TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE PROPOSED INFORMAL BILATERAL
MEETING WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON THE OECD AIRCRAFT STAND-
STILL. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS AGREEMENT YESTERDAY TO MEET
WITH US OFFICIALS ON THE MORNING OF MAY 23 (RELAYED
TELCON), GEHRING CONTACTED HIS COUNTERPARTS IN THE
FRENCH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS FOR A READ OUT. HE
APPARENTLY WANTED ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION ON WHAT
PRECISELY IS TO BE DISCUSSED AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE REPERCUSSIONS OF DISCUSSING IN A BILATERAL FRAME-
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WORK A MATTER WHICH, HE FEELS, CLEARLY FALLS WITHIN
EC COMPETENCY. (FYI: GEHRING SAYS HE NEVER RECEIVED
EXIMBANK CABLES PREPARED 4/14/78 BY DONALD A. FURTADO,
WHICH PROPOSE MEETING AND OUTLINE ISSUES. COPIES OF
THESE WHICH WERE FORWARDED BY POUCH TO THE EMBASSY
HAVE BEEN SENT ON TO GEHRING.)

2. GEHRING FOUND SIMILAR CONCERNS WERE HARBOURED BY FRENCH AND BRITISH COUNTERPARTS. DURING DISCUSSION THIS MORNING WITH ASSISTANT FINANCIAL ATTACHE, ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED WERE CLARIFIED SOMEWHAT ON BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN EXIMBANK CABLES AND FROM RYSS/MCDOWELL TELCON OF MAY 2, AND THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS AGAIN EMPHASIZED. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE SENSITIVITY OF COMMISSION, GEHRING FELT OBLIGED TO CONTACT COMMISSION (KLEIN) TO GAUGE REACTION TO BILATERAL MEETINGS. FOLLOWING TALK WITH KLEIN AND AGAIN WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH (WATTS OF TREASURY), GEHRING HAS PROPOSED, VERY TENTATIVELY, THAT MEETING BE JOINT US, UK, FRENCH, GERMAN WITH COMMISSION REPRESENTED. THE COMMISSION, HE RELAYED, VERY MUCH WANTS TO BE IN ON DISCUSSION. AGAIN TENTATIVELY, GEHRING PROPOSES THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN LONDON ON MAY 23.

3. GEHRING WILL BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, WITH HIS EC COUNTERPARTS IN A REGULARLY SCHEDULED GET-TOGETHER IN BRUSSELS. AT THAT TIME HE WILL CAUCUS WITH FRECH, BRITISH AND COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES AND CAN BE MORE EXPLICIT IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR THINKING. IN GENERAL, GEHRING, AND HE TELLS US THE OTHERS AS WELL, BELIEVES DISCUSSION OF AIRCRAFT-RELATED ISSUES WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. HE EMPHASIZES, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS BILATERALLY LIMITS NATIONAL OFFICIALS AS THE COMMISSION HAS AUTHORITY IN THESE MATTERS.

4. FOR YOUR ACTION: IF JOINT MEETING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SHOULD BE INFORMED PRIOR TO MEETING ON MAY 17. IN ADDITION GEHRING AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS WERE INTERESTED IN WHO WOULD ATTEND FROM US SIDE. ALSO AS DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING IS STILL VERY MUCH IN LIMBO, US COULD PROBABLY INFLUENCE THIS IF THERE IS A PREFERENCE.
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